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Lie Detector Tests: Kenneth T. Blaylock, president of the American Federation of Government Employees union, wants Congress to investigate the new White House leak-plugging plan. AFGE feels the new executive order (issued March 11) may give agency heads way too much latitude in deciding which employees must take lie-detector tests to determine if they are giving "national security" secrets to unauthorized persons.

Blaylock said the administration is "making all federal employees suspect by taking the unprecedented step of issuing a directive that mixes legitimate national security concerns with an appalling attempt to protect its political ideology in every agency of government."

He wants Congress to hold hearings on the executive order and to establish guidelines for its application in agencies.